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(As of press time however the editors remained adamant in their refusal to bear responsibility for what appears below. "We wouldn't dream of wasting our time reading it" was their only comment.

ON THE FUTURE OF VICTORIA COLLEGE

The spirit of conformity on this campus must defy all underestimation. Take, for instance the about face done last spring on its development plans--i.e. to have all future buildings at Gordon Head rather than at Lansdowne.

There are at least four things concerning this move that every person with the slightest claim to intelligence realizes but never speaks of.

1. That the building program of Vic College has been set back at least a year by this plan. Both the library and the new science building, as well as the addition to the Paul Building were to have been well underway ~~by now~~ and the Student Union Building to have been completed by now.

"2. That the development of two campuses at this stage of the college's development is both stupid and extravagant. One does not need much more than the average college student's intelligence to realize what havoc will be caused next year when the library and most labs are out at Gordon Head and most classrooms are down here. Similarly it must have been realized that it is cheaper to add two stories to the Paul Building (a purpose for which it was built) than to build a new building at Gordon Head.

3. That it would be disastrous at this stage if the college were to sell its present buildings here and move lock stock and status symbol to Gordon Head. (The difference between what the College could sell the buildings for and what it would cost to replace them being in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000) As for the buildings at Gordon Head one should bear in mind the similar ones at UBC that we put up as a "stop gap" measure.

#4. That the present provincial Gov't is primarily to blame; firstly for not buying all the land between the College and the Uplands Golf Course before it was subdivided, and secondly for stalling (as it is doing with UBC) on the dollar for dollar grant that was promised.

Now, every intelligent professor knows all these things and will say as much in private. In fact Prof. Bishop said all these things in class not two years ago. Even Dr. Hickman who is usually to be found near the pickets on such matters was openly opposed to the move.

But now things are different. Much publicity has been given to the al-

legation that the land next to the Paul Building is not suitable to build on. Yet many professors know that the Gordon Head land is worse. In fact it was a prof. that informed me of the fact.

Why was this move made? Why did the college, after building an addition to the Ewing Building, after building the new Paul Building, suddenly last summer cancel its building plans for Lansdowne and decide to build at Gordon Head? Why in the name of Hutchings did the college take an American "University Expert" (a contradiction that borders on obscenity) word that there would be 10,000 students here in a few years. Why in Paul's name would they even consider 10000 students for this university?

What is more important, why do not these professors that oppose this move speak out? The answer of Prof. Bishop is typical. It is that since the majority of the College Council have made a mistake the minority must acquiesce, and besides one could not stop it anyway. How do they know? Have they tried? Has there been even one letter to the paper--one public attempt to arouse public opinion against this blunder? Are they that afraid of losing their jobs?

Why also, does not our glorious Students' Council speak out against this move? Surely the correction of a blunder of this magnitude would be a start toward the college spirit its president longs for. Why, even if they must take their usual attitude of complacency, have they not even publically enquired about any possible disadvantages of the Gordon Head move?

And above all, why, at this College, this Forum of Ideas, has there not been even one question, let alone a debate, raised over this move. Do not even the sheep care where they are penned in?

But, distressingly enough, what can one expect. Almost every professor here believes that a student should be an individual--should stand up for the things he thinks are right--no matter what the cost! Pray tell us, kind sirs, how do you expect the students to do so if you so obviously will not do it yourselves

----- G.B. NIXON

"A critic is like an enuch in a harem. He sees the trick done every night but can't quite do it himself"

There reother things in life besides money--Hunger Misery Poverty....

Brendan Behan

THE SCHNOOK'S BOOK OF THE WEAK
"MY BROTHER WAS AN ONLY CHILD" Jack
Douglas, (Permabook, 19something or
other)

If you like humor, unfounded, off beat, and hilarious, you will relish this childish little paperback. When you're finished, I'm positive you will repose it to a place of highest esteem--between the "Tropics" inside your statue of Buddha.

Rumor has it that TV comedy writer Douglas created this little gem by writing his inspirations on a pad kept locked in his desk drawer. ~~xx~~ I'm beginning to think that he was kept locked in there too.

I still remember the day the girl next door and I spent four hours under the willow tree laughing ourselves silly over it. One good thing it takes only an hour and a half to read the thing--well, you see the time you have left over for other things.

I leave you with this tantalizing excerpt:

"The last time I saw Old Tim ~~xx~~ Snopes he was just a shell of his former self. In fact, when you held him up to your ear you could hear the ocean. At the age of 46, Tim Snopes, as usual years ahead of his time, was 57..."

Better read the book, They'll never make the movie.Bob BELL

THEY VOMIT THEIR BILE...etc.

In its march to gargantuan oblivion Vic College has picked up a couple of the traits of its brother factory across the straits--namely a university "newspaper" and "newsysheet".

One would think with two of the worst examples of journalism in Canada Victoria would not need a third--apparently Mr. Milin and his Students' Council think otherwise--hence the abortion between a Mongolian athlete and a gossip columnist that calls itself the "Marlet". This photo album with rather long captions is devoted to publishing (to the tune of a \$1200.00 annual loss) all the news(or history) that is not fit to print in the town's other rags. Occasionally if they are short of garbage they will fabricate it--as in the case of the Players' Club Meeting. Occasionally the Editors must forget themselves and let in a piece of intelligent writing--like the pieces by Mr. Duggan and Prof. Emery. It is interesting to note that neither of these gentlemen appeared for a second time--which probably explains why each issue is almost unbelievably worse than the proceeding one. If the absense of Mr. Duggan will not explain this, the reappearance of Mr. Pomeroy will. Admittedly Mr. Pomeroy is writing a nonsense column--a thing which he is probably qualified to do--but his last attempt at being one of the boyss only shows that he still is.

The other campus effort--the Wugs World" should go further than a speech by Mrs. Roosevelt ~~xx~~ in proving that a woman's place is closer to home. I think even Louella Parsons could have been more intellectual! Besides several homey do-gooding articles on the United Appeal (neglecting of course to mention that 2/3 of the money collected goes for salaries), and beauty tips, we were given an interview with a college male type that didn't have much more on the ball than has female cohabitators. A damn good thing for decency's sake that they didn't ask me what I thought of the college feline.

About the only good thing to report is that if the next issues leave out a letter like R.F.'s the papers will have no place to go by up. You just might try it Mr. Shee and Mrs. Iwing--remember if the student will read your papers now.. they'll read anything!

----- G.B.NIXON

Shriner, Shriner K. of C.; Loyal Moose and F.O.E.

Mason, U.L., and K. of P.

new Iowans' etc.

That you all confess... of B.S. to belonging to the order of B.S.

Bon CH'NUT

NIP OUR CRITICS IN THE B.S. DEP'T
I am sick of reading in college
about the many really Communists
in our school clubs that have
reached above Broadway-road
Company standards; as any of you
who say Mr. Wylie and Mr. Irving
in last year's "Tommy or the Shrew"
will readily testify to.

With 3 times as many students
here this year the players' club is
getting less than a third of the
turnout for its readings. Shall we
let this die out too? --Eds.

DON'T MISS IT, YOU FOOLS, DEP'T

"Five by Shakespeare" scenes to
prove a point from "MacBeth" "Hamlet"
"12th Night" "Much Ado About Nothing"
& "Richard III" featuring a former Vic
College Prof. Carl Hare. FREE!! THURS.
NEXT, NOV. 9, 8p.m. Gordon Head Gym.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT--HOSANNAHS DEP'T

--To the Radio Club for some decent music--lets have more of it!

--To the Students' Council Special Events Committee and Mr. Priestly for bringing us Messers Cruz and P.J. Perry
--To the MUGS president for canning that God Awful smoker and replacing it with something decent, in more ways than one.

--And finally to Les Milin forgiving us the paper to publish on. Millions would not have--including possibly Mr. Milin if he had been given the chance to see the material.

NEXT WEEK we will have in our paper
Reviews of THE VIRGIN SPRING, THE
TROPIC OF CANCER, and RUSSIA AND
THE WEST UNDER LENIN AND STALIN(?)